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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from the Republic of Liberia to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives welcomes the decision by Liberia to establish an OHCHR’s Office to address concerns of human rights promotion and protection, and positively note the implementation of several legislations to strengthen women’s rights.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following recommendations to the Liberian authorities:

1. Uphold the international human rights standards on press freedom to protect journalists both online and offline
2. Ensure that the Health and Education sector of the government has the necessary financial, human and technical resources to carry out their mandates effectively to provide high quality services for all.

We wish Liberia every success at this UPR.

Thank you, Madam President